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1. CHAPMAN PINCHER IN THE 13 AUGUST 1975 DAILY EXPRESS REPORTS THE ESSENCE OF REFTEL BUT INCLUDES THE POINT THAT THE BRITISH IN ADDITION TO SELLING THE FERRANTI NAVIGA-TION-ATTACK SYSTEM TO EGYPT ARE NEGOTIATING A SIMILAR DEAL "WITH INDIA WHICH HAS MORE THAN 200 MIGS SUPPLIED BY MOSCOW... BUT NO SECURITY OBJECTIONS ARE BEING RAISED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS A LARGE STAKE IN FERRANTI SINCE MR. WEDLWOOD BENN VIRTUALLY NATIONALIZED THE FIRM THREE MONTHS AGO".

2. THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S SHIPPING CORRESPONDENT ON 12 AUGUST REPORTED
AT LENGTH THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENSE MI ISTER
BILL MORRISON'S BITTER ATTACK ON BRITISH SHIPYARDS OVER
A TWO-YEAR DELAY IN COMPLETING A POUNDS 30 MILLION ORDER FOR TWO OBERON
CLASS SUBMARINES. THE OBERON CLASS SUB-
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MARINES, ORDERED IN OCTOBER 1971, WERE DUE FOR DELIVERY IN

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JANUARY AND OCTOBER 1975, BUT DELIVERY NOW IS NOT EXPECT-
ED UNTIL MAY AND DECEMBER 1977. MOD MORRISON IS QUOTED
AS SAYING, "IF WE HAD ANY MORE SUBMARINES TO ORDER, THEY
WOULD NOT BE GOING INTO THAT GODDAMN SHIPYARD", REFERRING
TO SCOTT-LITHGOW OF GREENOCK. THE SHIPYARD BLAMES THE
LONG DELAY ON THE DELIVERY OF FAULTY ELECTRICAL CABLES.

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